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SUBJ FRENCH STATEMENTS ON PREPARATIONS FOR CONSUMER/PRODUCER
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ECON COUNSELOR DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH PAMELA MCDOUGALL,
DIRECTOR GENERAL, ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS
BUREAU, EXTAF, AND DREW ON PARAS 2 AND 3 REFTEL TO
REAFFIRM U.S. POSITION ON PRECONDITIONS FOR PREPARATORY
MEETING WITH PRODUCERS. MS MCDOUGALL SAID SHE WAS
ESPECIALLY PLEASED AT THE INDICATION THAT THE U.S.
WOULD BE COMMENTING ON WHAT IT CONSIDERED SHOULD
CONSTITUTE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING A
CONSUMER POSITION. SHE SAID CANADA DOES NOT DISPUTE
IN ANY WAY THE NEED FOR THE CONSUMERS TO BE READY
BEFORE THEY SIT DOWN WITH THE PRODUCERS AND TO
DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY ARE IN AGREEMENT AND NOT IN
DISARRAY. THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN TO DEFINE IN A MORE
CONCRETE WAY WHAT CONSTITUTES BEING READY. THE GOC
WILL LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING U.S. VIEWS.
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